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Sincerely,  
James Savage  
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Mary Anne South  
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October 18, 2011

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am concerned that an upcoming decision by the FCC to reform the Universal Service Fund to provide improved access to broadband in rural America may not do enough to promote the deployment of mobile wireless broadband Internet. All Americans need dependable access to broadband, both wired and wireless, to compete in this fast-changing world. But we need to make sure this reform is done right. There needs to be a fair share of funding allocated for mobile broadband expansion.

A recent CTIA study found that mobile broadband expansion can work successfully with an investment of \$1 billion per year - that's less than one-quarter of the total Connect America Fund. Yet, I understand there are proposals under consideration that would seriously underfund mobile broadband deployment with up to 93 percent of available funds being directed to wireline broadband.

Right now, mobile broadband is the fastest growing way of accessing the Internet. First responders and law enforcement depend on wireless networks to quickly pinpoint the location of a victim or a crime; farmers use mobile broadband to track shipments and complete transactions without having to leave the fields; and businesses use it to stay connected to employees and customers.

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Inadequate investment in mobile broadband will cost our nation jobs and compromise the ability of first responders and law enforcement to act quickly when timing is critical. If the Connect America Fund does not appropriately account for wireless, the safety and prosperity of our rural citizens will be diminished.

Rural citizens pay into the Universal Service Fund and deserve to see the benefits of mobile broadband investment. Utilizing \$1 billion out of a \$4.5 billion fund for wireless broadband is not too much to ask.

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Mike Curry  
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Dear Public Comment Manager:

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